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RECOGNIZING THE 2020-2021 NATIONAL FFA OFFICER TEAM

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the 2020-2021 National FFA officer team who recently retired at the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, IN. Team members include president Doster Harper of Georgia, central region vice president Paxton Dahmer of Missouri, eastern region vice president Miriam Hoffman of Illinois, western region vice president David Lopez of California, southern region vice president Artha Jonassaint of Florida, and from my home State of Arkansas, National FFA secretary Anna Mathis.

The Future Farmers of America was founded in 1928 by a group of young farmers with dreams of developing an organization to address the challenges of feeding a growing population. Their leadership was founded on their experience and passion for agricultural pursuits. Now known as the National FFA Organization to represent its diverse membership, FFA grows the next generation of leaders, builds communities, and strengthens agriculture. There are 735,038 middle and high school FFA members in 8,817 chapters in all 50 States and Puerto Rico.

Each year, six student members are elected to represent FFA as a national officer. They serve the organization at the highest level, promoting FFA and inspiring members, advisers, staff, teachers, alumni, and supporters. These individuals pause their educational pursuits and other commitments for an entire year in order to fully dedicate themselves to bettering the organization and the agricultural industry. National FFA officers spend time attending, speaking at, and facilitating FFA camps, conferences, and conventions and often meet with donors, stakeholders, and alumni. Additionally, national officers serve as members of the National FFA board of directors, a testament to FFA being a student-led organization. It is no secret that these young leaders have a profound impact on the future of the organization and agriculture.

The 2020-2021 National FFA officer team led the organization with character, determination, and grit in the midst of a global pandemic. During this year and a half when many schools moved online and extracurricular activities at school, such as FFA, were unable to meet and continue normally, it is remarkable that, under this team's leadership, the number of FFA chapters in the organization increased despite the hardships faced. Their tenure as a national officer concluded after planning and leading the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo. The largest youth convention in the country, this year's convention drew over 60,000 registered attendees.

Behind every great team are hosts of people who support them. I commend the families, staff, advisers, teachers, mentors, students, alumni, and others who supported these leaders and FFA. Their tenacity and leadership is encouraging to those they serve and to myself. I had the opportunity to visit with these national officers during their year of service. It has been an honor to meet and interact with this team. I am ever-increasingly optimistic about the future of agriculture, especially with passionate, dedicated leaders like themselves at the helm. Doster, Anna, Paxton, Miriam, David, and Artha, I wish you the best in your future endeavors and congratulate you for your year of service as the 2020-2021 National FFA officer team.●

CONGRATULATING THE KINDRED HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS

● Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, for the second time this year, I have the privilege of congratulating my alma mater, Kindred High School, on a State championship.

In March, my hometown school celebrated the boys basketball team's first-ever State championship. Eight months later, on November 12, the Kindred Vikings football team won the State 11B title at the Dakota Bowl State Football Tournament. The Vikings defeated longtime rivals, the No. 1-ranked Hillsboro-Central Valley Burros, by a score of 37 to 14, for the championship. They had earlier won their first three games, defeating Lisbon, Central Cass, and Bishop Ryan teams.

This was the first State championship for the Vikings since State playoffs sponsored by the North Dakota High School Activities Association began in 1975. They had made only one other Dakota Bowl appearance in 2016. To advance to the tournament this year, the Vikings defeated the Langdon-Edmore-Munich Cardinals, which had played in every Dakota Bowl since 2016.

Graduating from Kindred High School in 1979, I lettered for 4 years in football, basketball and track. I was the starting quarterback my junior and senior years, and our team was bad, me especially.

Knowing firsthand what it is like to persevere on a losing team, watching these Kindred Vikings, who ended the season with a 12-1 record, was thrilling. I saw very talented athletes excel by tapping into the strength of each player. Notably, the impressive skills of running back Trey Heinrich did not go unnoticed when he was named the MaxPreps North Dakota Player of the Year.

I want to recognize this year's team members Charles Biewer, Masen Allmaras, Lukas Klabunde, Izaak Spelhaug, Maxwell McQuillan, Andrew Trom, Taylor Stefonowicz, Carter Schmitz, Caleb Klabunde, Connor Rolland, Jack McDonald, Wyatt Briscoe, Graham Glasoe, Jordyn Sunram, Hay-

den Cichy, Owen Hoyme, Kylan Swenson, Jorgen Swenson, Camron Schwartzwalter, Trey Heinrich, Ty Roesler, Tyson Johnson, Chase Miller, Jeremiah Dockter, Alex Moffet, Jacob Hiatt, Samuel Jenness, Jacob Lund, Jack Huesman, Blake Houska, Tate Miller, Landon Kottsick, Grant Spelhaug, Andrew Haley, Colin Lunde, Ethan Fornshell, Mason Nipstad, Kelby Erdmann, Dillon Filler, Riley Sunram, Jack Packer, Jack Olson, Hunter Bindas, Maxwell Opgrand, and Ryker Lachowitzer.

I congratulate the team, as well as Coach Matt Crane, his assistants Brad Ambrosius, Eric Burgad, Joe Harder, Nate Safe, and Ryan Sunram and all the hometown fans on winning this championship.

I join the rest of North Dakota in thanking the Kindred Vikings for inspiring all of us to achieve excellence. For the second time this year, they have demonstrated what can be achieved by combining faith and passion with determination and teamwork.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. BECKETT

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, with the U.S. Supreme Court set to consider *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in oral arguments on December 1, 2021, I am taking time to recognize individuals whose dedication to the pro-life cause has led us to this point. In this case, I pay tribute to Mr. John D. Beckett from Elyria, OH. His activities have been intertwined with championing pro-life and religious freedom.

Mr. Beckett graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1960, after which he initially worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry. In 1963, he joined his father's small manufacturing business, R.W. Beckett Corporation, and 2 years later became president following his father's death. Under Mr. Beckett's leadership, this small company grew over time to become a worldwide leader in producing engineered components for residential and commercial heating. With its affiliates, the company employs nearly 1,000 people.

In addition to his business endeavors, Mr. Beckett has long been active in both church and community-related activities. This is where he has established himself as a champion of the pro-life movement.

In 1973, Mr. Beckett became a founding member of the Intercessors for America, a national prayer organization, and he continues to serve on the board today. The Intercessors for America has helped lead grassroots efforts for people of faith to unite in prayer for the pro-life movement and for the unborn. In addition, he also became a founding board member of King's College in New York City, a Christian university, and he also serves on the board of Cru—Campus Crusade for Christ International. Alongside